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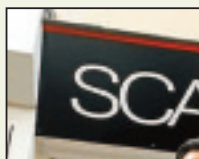
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Streets ahead as Pargeters win gig dates



The Pargeters – from the left, Rich and Nick Jauncey, James Rees, Greg Cartwright and Pete Wainwright

A STOURBRIDGE indie band is celebrating success at a national contest in London, winning the chance to perform at venues up and down the country.

The Pargeters, named after the Stourbridge road where they originally rehearsed, claimed second place in the Surface Festival 2011 earlier this month.

They performed at the prestigious IndigO2 venue at the O2 arena in London on October 1 backed by a legion of fans from the Black Country. The five-piece band will take part in

a three-gig tour as part of their prize, performing at venues in Manchester, London and Birmingham.

They will also receive music equipment, an album distribution deal and merchandise.

Awesome

Lead singer, James Rees, guitarists Rich Jauncey and Greg Cartwright, Pete Wainwright on bass and Nick Jauncey on drums make up the band.

Around 1,000 groups battled in a series of heats nationwide to land a spot in the top 20 for the gig.

James said: "We were so proud to have reached the final and to have the chance to perform at such an awesome venue."

"The support we received from our friends throughout the competition and last Saturday was absolutely fantastic."

"Many travelled down by coach to be with us on the day and they went totally wild when our name was announced on stage."

To find out more about The Pargeters visit www.facebook.com/pargeters

Manor homes plan is given the go-ahead

PROTESTERS who have been fighting for five years against a scheme to transform the grounds of Wordsley Manor said they are "disgusted" at the final verdict.

At a Dudley Council committee meeting on Tuesday planning officers approved the move by Selbourne Homes to build 14 new dwellings on land off Meadowfields Close.

There were 12 letters of objection, a petition of more than 100 signatures and stiff opposition from conservation body Natural England.

Yvonne Curtis co-led the petition which expressed concerns about increased traffic and the effects on wildlife.

"Despite a letter telling us we could make one final representation at the meeting the council went back on this and said we should never have received that correspondence so we didn't attend the meeting," she said.

"The way they have gone about this is disgusting," she added.

"We feel like they are all laughing at us, which makes us very angry because this will have a huge long-term effect on our homes."

Canal

"We tried our best but it just wasn't enough to get our voices heard."

Developer Selbourne Homes will contribute more than £481,000 to help restore the manor and pay for other transport and infrastructure improvements close by. The canal towpath would also be improved.

Christopher Firmstone, whose family have owned the Grade II listed building for 160 years, said: "I am obviously very glad it has finally been approved as there have been some considerable delays."

"The building desperately needs this work and the developers have worked hard to comprise a sympathetic and detailed scheme. I have invested so much time and money into the building myself over the years and want people to continue to enjoy the building."

"We have spent a long time getting this far, everybody is keen to get started as soon as possible, and I hope now we are left to get on with it."

Builder is fined for his illegal gas work

A BUILDER from Stourbridge who carried out illegal gas work at four Midland homes, putting lives at risk, has been ordered to pay £2,500 in fines and costs.

James Raybould, who trades as Jim Raybould Electrical, Plumbing and Building Services, pleaded guilty to breaching the Health and Safety at Work Act and was sentenced at Worcester Magistrates Court.

The court was told that Raybould, of Lady Greys Walk, carried out the work at four Worcester homes despite not being Gas Safe registered.

Headaches

Two fires he fitted were judged to be "immediately dangerous" by the Gas Safe Register, while one family suffered headaches that they suspected were linked to the fire.

The court heard Raybould was caught out after failing to fix a leak in a gas boiler he had fitted.

He was fined £1,330 and ordered to pay £1,170 court costs during the hearing. Speaking afterwards, Health and Safety Executive inspector Tariq Khan said anyone who carried out work on domestic gas equipment without being Gas Safe registered was breaking the law.

"James Raybould's sub-standard work meant the appliances were a serious risk," he said.

"Poorly installed gas work can cause explosions or carbon monoxide poisoning."

Residents protest on home closures

ELDERLY residents joined the fight to save their care homes with a protest outside Dudley Council House.

The residents were among 200 people who called for the scrapping of the planned closures of New Bradley Hall in Kingswinford, New Bridge House in Coseley, New Swinford Hall, Stourbridge, and Shenstone House, Halesowen. But council leaders said the plans go ahead.

Some of the pensioners were wrapped in blankets. They shouted chants as councillors entered the building before the meeting. Friends Irene Claridge and Dorothy Walker, both aged 94, said they did not want to see residents broken up.

Queen

"We just don't want to move, it is our home," said Mrs Claridge, who lived in Smethwick before moving to New Bradley Hall two years ago. "It is really good that so many of us were able to come out."

Mrs Dorne Dutton, aged 56, of Blowers Green Crescent, Dudley wrote to the Queen to inform her of the situation at New Bradley Hall on behalf of family friend, 73-year-old Ada Hawthorne.

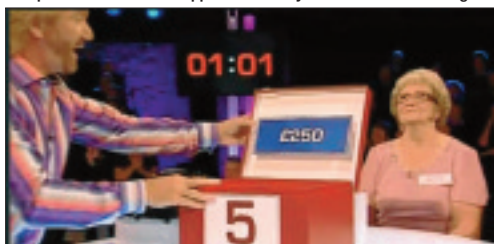
Adult social care chief, Councillor Lesley Faulkner, said: "A number of people at New Bradley when moving were advised that if they moved into New Bradley there was an idea that that care home would close. This care home has to close."

Gran Betty misses out on big TV payout

IT'S A DEAL – BUT FOR £250



Surprise! Noel Edmonds approaches Betty Burns at the British Legion



Noel reveals that Betty has just £250 in her chosen box on the show

NOEL EDMONDS gave a Wordsley grandmother the shock of her life when he turned up at her social club – and revealed she was to be filmed live on Deal or No Deal.

Unsuspecting Betty Burns was at a dance class at the Royal British Legion club in Kingswinford when the television presenter crept up behind her.

The 78-year-old and her pals travelled down to Bristol on Monday for what was only the second in a new series of live shows.

She appeared on the hit programme on Tuesday – but despite having several chances at taking home thousands of pounds, she ended up with £250 after swapping her box with the banker's.

Edmonds turned up to surprise Betty last Monday. Mrs Burns, of Wordsley, was preparing for a weekly sequence dance group she helps run at the club in Summerhill, which is regularly attended by more than 30 members.

HUGGED

The mother-of-two, who has been married to husband Frank for 60 years, was getting the music ready for the session when Noel walked in through a back door.

He greeted her with the words "Are you Betty Burns who loves Deal Or No Deal?" to which she replied "I do".

He then turned her around and she hugged him, before he asked her: "Would you like to be on the show?"

"Wouldn't I just?" she replied, before answering the question: "Deal or no deal?" with the response: "Deal."

Mrs Burns took along Frank and some of her friends to open the boxes in the studio – while a crowd was filmed watching the live show inside the club.

She declined offers from the banker of £7,000 and £10,000, before finally turning down £6,000 when she got down to the final two boxes, one containing £20,000 and the other containing £250.

Betty, who is now back at home, said: "Somewhere up there I knew all along that I would have £250, so I'm not disappointed. I have loved every minute and no body can take this away from me."

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It's the loff of Brian for group

MEMBERS of Hagley Wives and Women's Fellowship are looking forward to a good "loff" when Brian Boyce entertains them with his Black Country character "Bri".

The evening is on October 25 while in November, the group will hear from Alan Atkins about the history of post boxes.

No Retreat with Carl directing stars

By Tim Spiers

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THE ROAD from Quarry Bank to Hollywood is not exactly a well-worn one, but a burgeoning filmmaker from Dudley could be about to change all that.

Carl Tibbetts, who as a youngster sneaked into his local Quarry Bank video store to watch horror movies, is on the verge of seeing his first major feature film being released nationwide.

And despite Retreat being Carl's directorial debut, the film features a stellar British cast of Jamie Bell (Billy Elliott), Thandie Newton (Mission Impossible II, Crash) and Cillian Murphy (Batman Begins, Inception).

Labelled as a psychological thriller, it tells the story of Murphy and Newton – aka Martin and Kate – who flee to a remote island where soldier Jack (Bell) tells them a deadly virus is sweeping through Europe.

It is something of a dream come true for Carl, who wrote Retreat's screenplay and was the most inexperienced crew member when the film was shot in north Wales last year.

"I'm very, very excited," the 36-year-old said. "It feels brilliant to have the film about to be released. I've always wanted to do this – I always wanted the opportunity even when I was a kid in Quarry Bank."

He may be living in London now but Carl's roots remain very much in Quarry Bank and Dudley and he makes regular trips to see family and friends.

Betty Guest, owner of Dudley's celebrated sweet shop Teddy Grays, is a relative and Carl counts music venue JB's as one of his favourite former haunts. "Dudley is a very down to earth place, full of great people, which gives you a level head and a good grounding," said Carl, a former pupil at Thorns Community College.

"I learned a lot about films growing up in Quarry Bank. There was a shop, The Marina, which turned its back room into a video rental shop in the 1980s and I used

to sneak in and watch Evil Dead, American Werewolf in London and films like that. They kicked me out all the time though!"

In the 12 years since leaving Sheffield University with a fine art degree Carl has written numerous scripts and screenplays while editing television commercials and programmes.

Chance

But it was by chance that his Retreat script was picked up by producer Gary Sinyor, who read a post Carl left on a script-sharing website which read "28 Days Later meets Dead Calm". Carl was given

the chance to direct, a process he relished despite being a relative novice in a room full of famous actors and experienced crew. "I was very lucky that Cillian, Jamie and Thandie responded so well," he added. "We took just three weeks to film it."

"It was shot in one house though and as we were destroying the place we had to do it in one take."

"So it was a baptism of fire but I think we pulled it off."

Retreat premiered at Manchester's Grim Up North festival and goes on limited release tomorrow for one week. It is showing at Birmingham's AMC Broadway cinema.



Retreat director Carl Tibbetts

Clean-up in the drizzle

VOLUNTEERS from Tidy Stourbridge braved the drizzle in a second visit within 10 months to land at Mill Race Lane on Sunday.

Organisers said the town's night time economy and fast food outlets are the source of most of the rubbish.

Seven volunteers collected 13 bags of general rubbish and two of crushed tins and reckoned they had come across more glass bottles than in any previous litter pick.

Meanwhile, group co-founder Russell Eden has decided to take a step back from duties due to personal time issues.

The Next Pick'n'Pint session will be held at The Robin Hood in Collis Street, Amblescote from 2pm on Sunday, October 23.

Several regulars are unavailable for this weekend so organisers are asking for a doubling of effort to attend from the more occasional volunteers.

Massage at the library

MORE activities including free taster sessions in Dudley libraries have been announced as part of October's full of life festival.

A number of council-run libraries have teamed up with Age UK to put on some special events to mark the month-long festival.

The festival has been organised to encourage older people to try something new so they can be active and independent for longer.

Events include a free Ricki and massage at Stourbridge Library from 11.30am on October 21.

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Poison laid as rats plague playground

Assault fireman may keep his job

A BLACK COUNTRY firefighter who attacked one of his son's friends in Kinver was given a suspended jail sentence so he can keep his job.

Andrew Johnson, who works at Brierley Hill fire station, "battered" Liam Bowden in Kinver High Street after accusing him of giving his son a lift in an uninsured car.

Stafford Crown Court heard that Johnson's brother had been killed in an accident some years ago.

Mr Nick Burn, prosecuting, said the butt knocked out one of Mr Bowden's teeth, but the victim had made it "perfectly clear" that he did not want the matter taken further.

Johnson, aged 43, of The Acre, Kinver, admitted a charge of assault causing actual bodily harm and was given 12 months' jail, suspended for 18 months.

Mr Justice Flaux told him: "I suspect you would not have dreamt of attacking Mr Bowden if you hadn't had a lot to drink. I would urge the fire service to regard this as an aberration and keep you on."

Johnson said: "I deeply regret what happened."

POISON is being laid down in Stourbridge's biggest park to tackle a plague of rats around the lake, close to the children's play area.

Parents have been alarmed to see rodents running around a few yards from the play area and council officers blame bread thrown for ducks for the problem. Dudley Council has placed black boxes of rat poison inside the railings around the lake. Paul Prosser, aged 44, a betting shop manager, of Stourbridge Road, Lye, who visits the park at least twice a week to feed the ducks with his three-year-old son Reece, said he saw rats every time they went. "There are lots of rats, which is a bit worrying so close to the children's play area," said Mr Prosser.

"When we feed the ducks we get close up to the railings and make sure it goes straight into the water but some people throw it and it lands on the earth around the lake."

"It's the bread and ice cream wrappers that people throw around the place that's attracting the rats."

Lorraine Whybrow, aged 47, of Sydney, Australia, who is visiting her parents in Stourbridge with her daughter, Charlotte, aged 11, said: "I have seen rats by the lake - there were two yesterday afternoon. It's not very pleasant."

Brass

The problem of rats has become a talking point on Twitter and internet blogs about the town.

One entry online, from 'Stourbridge Blog' reported: "Rats in Mary Stevens Park again this morning. Three-year-old Lewis came face to face with one. Mother says rat was 'as bold as brass'."

Another park user said: "Can people please stop over feeding the ducks at Mary Stevens Park?"

"Left over food is attracting rats to the area."

Dudley Councillor David Stanley, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "Officers have witnessed around half a dozen rats in the area while carrying out inspections."

"We are currently treating the area



Paul Prosser, from Lye, with three-year-old son Reece

around the pond with rat poison and hope to eradicate the issue in the near future.

"The poison is laid down away from the public area and not accessible for ducks or other non-target species."

"People feeding the ducks inevitably does contribute towards the problem as rats are attracted to the bread."

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Casting a spell to help hospice



Ryan Peters, Stacey Smith, Luke Fewtrell and James Firkins get ready for a charity show of music, magic and comedy in aid of Mary Stevens Hospice

A CHARITY gig featuring music, magic and comedy is being held in Stourbridge later this month in aid of Mary Stevens Hospice.

It has been organised by musician James Firkins and the owners of the town's Scary Canary clothing shop Stacey Smith and Steve Pilcher.

It will take place in the upstairs of the Victoria Passage shop on Thursday, October 20 from 7.30pm.

The evening will include a number of solo and duo performances from members of local bands as well as an appearance by Al Rudge, a comedian and magician.

Mr Firkins said the event had been organised after his father David passed away at the age of 50.

He was cared for at Mary Stevens Hospice and his son said they were inspired to do something to help the good work being done by all the staff.

Mr Pilcher added: "It should be a really good event."

"We'd love to see as many people there as possible."

Tickets are £3 with funds raised going to the hospice and can only be purchased in advance via the store.

Hospital immigrant deported

AN ILLEGAL immigrant, who has spent more than a year at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, was deported earlier this week.

Arrangements were made to fly him back to his native Pakistan.

The hospital has been in talks with the UK Border Agency over the situation for more than a year.

The man, who has not been identified, was originally transferred to the hospital on July 1 last year after receiving treatment at the Royal London Hospital a month before.

He had suffered a heart attack and hypoxic brain injury. The man was moved to Dudley as he had an address in the area and relatives in the borough.

But, although declared medically fit for discharge last August, the hospital could not release him as immigration removal centres could not provide the continuing care he needed.

It emerged he had entered the UK on a visit visa which had expired on September 5, 2007.

The case was taken up by Stourbridge MP Margot James, along with immigration minister Damian Green, in the House of Commons over a month ago. The man's care has so far cost the hospital over £100,000.

Golden name for a new street

PLANS for a new road name on part of a housing development off Coombs Road in Halesowen have been approved.

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TV star to be part of college's big day

STUDENTS at Glasshouse College will be joined by TV star Adrian Chiles for their special autumn fundraiser.

The fair is on Saturday (October 15) at the college on Wollaston Road, Ambleside, from 12.30pm until 4pm.

The college supports students with disabilities; the fair will celebrate their craft work and organic farm produce, both of which will be on sale.

All the money raised will help the student council in its fundraising to purchase a new gym for the college which will cost £6,000.

Adrian will judge a pumpkin carving competition which guests are invited to enter at £1 a go.

Student council co-ordinator Gail Hickman said: "We urge people to come along and see the great work of the college and meet the students who make it such a special and fantastic place to be."



Students, from left, Richard Willis, James Harrington-Hughes and Aaron Randall prepare for the pumpkin competition

Bid to help students in the world of work

A STOURBRIDGE college has launched a new initiative for students with learning difficulties.

Glasshouse College in Ambleside provides work placements and helps students integrate into the local community through voluntary work and commercial activities.

As part of a new £250,000 ICT and Media Training Centre, Digit Print will train students to provide short run print services to local community organisations and businesses.

Many of the college's young adults have Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

The new centre, operated by Ruskin Mill Educational Trust, has forged relationships with organisations such as Mary Stevens Hospice, Stourbridge Rugby Club and Dudley Council.

The move gives students direct experience of the world of work, providing services on a voluntary basis and enjoying the reciprocal benefits of such relationships.

The centre was funded by a grant from the Ian Karten Charitable Trust and is the 11th Karten Centre around the UK and Israel. It was officially opened by Karten Network development manager Ceri Hibbert, who originally hails from Brettle Lane, in the presence of dignitaries including Dudley Council leader, Les Jones. Mrs Hibbert told the audience about Mr

Karten, who died at the age of 90 in May. Jewish war refugee Mr Karten was given a free college place and scholarship to complete his mechanical engineering studies in London. He never forgot the act of generosity and set up the Ian Karten Charitable Trust in 1980 to give educational opportunities to those in need.

Mrs Hibbert said: "This is everything that Ian Karten believed in and wanted to support, the most up to date technology being used by students with disabilities in real work situations."

Councillor Jones has commissioned the council's 2011 Christmas cards through the centre, using the famous painting of the area by William Turner which is owned by the council.

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Epilepsy may have caused death in canal

A KEEN cyclist drowned after falling off his bike and into the Stourbridge Canal after suffering a suspected epileptic fit, an inquest heard.

Quakers in new premises

DUDLEY Quakers have moved into new premises – at the former base of well-known peace campaigner Bert Bissell.

The group has followed Headway Black Country, which helps people with brain injuries, from the old premises they shared in Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, to the former Methodist Church in Vicar Street.

Mr Bissell, who died in 1998 aged 96 and was famous for his annual pilgrimages to Ben Nevis, worshipped at the Methodist church and held his men's Bible classes there.

Sports day for the disabled

CHILDREN and young people with disabilities can try out new sports.

They can have a go at the activities in Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure. Activities run on October 27 from 10am until noon for children aged five to eight and from 1-4pm for nine to 16-year-olds. Book on 01384 814179.

Cannock Coroner's Court heard on October 4 that Mr Jones had been diagnosed with epilepsy around 20 years ago. Fits put him in a "trance" for up to five minutes.

Assistant deputy coroner Louise McCabe recorded a verdict of death by accident. "We may never know the exact details of what happened to cause Mr Jones to fall in the canal," she said.

"There was some accident which befell him, which caused him to fall in the canal, where he drowned."

"It is known that he had suffered fits while cycling before."

Mr Jones had been in a "good mood" when visiting his mother on the morning of May 19, the hearing was told, and had planned to cycle along the canal to Stourbridge to sign on after been made redundant from his forklift truck driver job.

Nephew

He had then planned to see his niece and nephew before meeting a friend – but never arrived.

Cyclists found his black mountain bike in the canal later that day but his body was not discovered until May 24.

In a statement Mr Jones's father Trevor, aged 66, of Underhill Lane, Wolverhampton, said his son did not take his medication for epilepsy as it made him ill.

Search is on for the young singing stars



Beth Dunn, front, with front from left, Chloe Davies, Jessica McPhee, Lydia Howard, Florence Webb and Isobel Parsons get ready to welcome the Got 2 Sing choir. THE search for the next singing star is on with the launch of a new singing group in Stourbridge.

Microphones are being prepared and song sheets printed for the Got 2 Sing group organised by professional singer Beth Dunn.

It already boasts around 80 adult members but Beth now wants to build on that success by starting a junior section. Classes will take place each Thursday from 5.30pm at St Mary's Church, in Rectory Road, Oldswinford, Stourbridge. Junior sessions from 10 to 17-year-olds will be held from 5.30-7pm with over-18s running from 7.30-9pm.

Styles range from pop to musical theatre and there is even the chance to learn some choreography. Beth, aged 26, studied musical theatre at Leeds University before going to the London School of Musical Theatre. She now sings professionally and has also run the Supertroopers drama school at Stourbridge's Bonded Warehouse, in Canal Street, since 2008. "The adults class really took off when it was launched last month – it is all a confidence thing with the children and we hope to make it fun," she said.

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Attack left man with cut to head

A MAN who attacked his estranged wife's new partner near his home in Kinver has been given a suspended jail sentence.

During the confrontation in Cedar Gardens, Jody Taylor took a spirit level from Richard Avery and used it to batter him, Stafford crown court heard on October 5.

After the victim had got back into his car, Taylor thrust the spirit level through the open door at his head, causing two nasty inch-long cuts.

Mr Avery was able to drive off, but blacked out on the pavement.

Taylor, aged 31, of Enville Gardens, Kinver, admitted charges of unlawful wounding and criminal damage.

He was given a 12-month prison sentence, suspended for two years and ordered to do 200 hours of unpaid work.

Temper

In addition, he was ordered to pay Mr Avery £1,120 compensation and £500 costs.

He was also banned from contacting Mr Avery for the next two years.

Judge Mark Eades told him: "This may not be an incident of your own making, but when it happened, you lost your temper and retaliated."

Miss Joanne Clark, defending, said Taylor had been returning from work and was not expecting any incident to happen.

"Mr Avery confronted him with the spirit level, initially and quite rightly acting in self-defence, however going beyond that. He retaliated in anger."

It's lift-off in the growth stakes



Andy Turner, Palletways managing director, with his father Alan Turner, 86, of Dudley

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A WOMAN who had suffered years of pain with two jaw conditions has finally found relief after undergoing dental implant surgery.

Betty had worn dentures for many years but developed neuralgia and her trigeminal nerve had become inflamed.

"I had terrible jaw pain and suffered pins and needles in the side of head and tongue. It's a terrible condition. I'd had an MRI scan and seen a specialist but was still without relief," she says.

Clinical dental technician Mr Burchell had made dentures for Betty seven years ago and she returned to his clinic to inquire about a new prescription because the lower denture had lost its stability.

"I had put up with the floating effect of my lower denture and needed to address the problem. My lower gum has receded so much my denture was pressing down on a nerve and causing me pain," she adds.

"Steven explained the benefits of implant-retained dentures and told me it would allow my bite to be opened some more. Since having the implants on my lower denture, I have experienced no more pain."

Mr Burchell said all dentures have a shelf life and Betty's denture problem was due to shrinkage of her gums – a naturally occurring aging process.

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Suction is new solution

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Denturist Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng), who heads the team at the Denture Clinic in North Street, says the invention has the potential to improve the life quality of patients who previously have experienced long-term problems with ill-fitting teeth.

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Mr Burchell, whose clinic attracts patients from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye and the Isle of Anglesey, adds: "The denture revolution is evolving at a

pace. In recent times we have seen what I can only describe as strident steps forward with implant-retained dentures coming into main-stream dentistry, clever technology which allows excellent fitting outcomes and now the Ultra Suction product.

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Andy Micklewright, owner of Micklewrights Structures, with Chris Kelly MP and adventurer Alan Priddy and The Good Heart ready for the world record bid

£1m powerboat project on the crest of a wave

A £1MILLION powerboat is nearing completion as part of a round the world record bid.

Workers at steel firm Micklewrights Structures on the Thornleigh Trading Estate, Dudley are building the boat.

The vessel, named Good Heart, will be used by adventurer Alan Priddy.

He hopes to beat the existing 61-day record as part of his Global Circumnavigation Challenge.

The team is now fitting out the high-tech interior, which is inspired by the structure of aircraft wings, which are flexible and can move inches in either direction without breaking.

The boat has been designed to cope with all weather conditions. A total of 22 frames have

been fitted inside the hull, with workers doing more than a mile of welding.

Once these have been fitted the floors will be installed and the cabins will be fitted out.

Some 1,400 man hours have been dedicated to the job which has been going on for 14 weeks and is due to finish within weeks.

The boat, which has been completely hand-made, is 90ft long, 16ft wide, has an estimated top speed of over 45 knots and a range of 5,000 nautical miles.

The aluminium sheets for the bright red 80ft powerboat are being supplied by Blackburn Metals, based in nearby Kingswinford.

Mr Priddy, an engineer from Portsmouth, said he hopes to set sail by the end of the year.

Amazed

He said: "I have been constantly amazed on this project at the work of my team, who have never made a boat before but are experts in fabrication."

"After this stage of work it will really begin to look like a boat and everything will start coming together."

Micklewrights was visited by Dudley South MP Chris Kelly who said he was "delighted" a borough firm was chosen for the project.

Mr Priddy's crew will make the global journey in five 4,800 mile legs, starting at Hong Kong or Gibraltar and making brief refuelling stops at ports along the way.

Store to open at precinct

HIGH STREET bargain retailer Poundland is poised to take a new store to Stourbridge's Ryemarket shopping centre.

Signs displaying the firm's logo have gone up on wooden boarding in front of a newly created larger unit in the centre.

Ryemarket bosses have revamped the centre in response to news of the new £50million Crown Centre backed by cash from Tesco. The leading supermarket chain will open a new store inside the redeveloped Crown Centre next year.

Empty shop units within the Ryemarket have been refurbished in a bid to entice retailers to take up vacant stores.

Poundland, which is based in Willenhall, confirmed that the store near the Waitrose supermarket would open by the end of this month or early November. It is unclear at this stage how many new jobs would be created.

Woolworths was the last big name store to pull out of the Ryemarket after the firm collapsed shutting 800 shops nationwide. Its large shop was recently taken over by Home Bargains.

Choir needs new voices

THE Clent Hills Singers, based near Stourbridge, is appealing for new voices as it rehearses for an advent concert.

Rehearsals are every Thursday at 7.30pm at Hagley Free Church and the advent concert will be held on November 26. Singers interested in taking part should call 01562 730248.

Police spend £7m to hire consultants

WEST Midlands Police has spent almost £7million in the last three years on hiring consultants to tell the force how better to go about its business.

Experts have been brought in to help in areas such as IT, transport and training and legal services. Advice has also been sought on investigative policing and personnel and professional standards.

It comes as the force is trying to plug a £38m funding gap over the coming year and £134m over the next four. Up to 2,300 police officer and staff posts are expected to go.

In a report to the West Midlands Police Authority, Chief Constable Chris Sims said consultants had been used to identify potential cash savings in the future.

About £2.3m was paid to firms including KPMG, which helps services high-light ways of improving.

A further £1m has been paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers. The firm has been used by the force to help identify £25m of savings over the coming year.

Immediate

In the report, Mr Sims told members: "Consultancy can form a proper catalyst for the challenge of significantly reshaping the force."

"In that light, it will be useful to consider its usage in some respects, into the immediate future."

In 2008, £1.6m was spent on consultancy fees while in 2009, £770,000 was forked out. A total of £3.8m was paid out in 2010 while so far this year, £660,000 has been spent.

As part of £25m worth of savings in the coming year, 170 police officers and 217 police staff posts will go.

The force needs to make £38m of savings during that period as Government cuts bite.

Mr Balmain said: "It's a slight puzzle."

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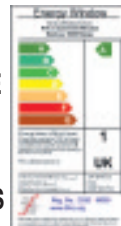
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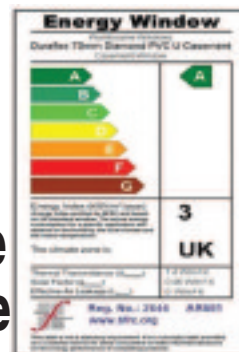
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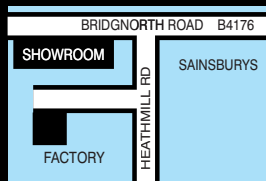
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Tattooist launches at the vineyard



Tattooist Dionne Clarke has opened a parlour at the Halfpenny Green Vineyards

RETAIL outlets at a vineyard in South Staffordshire now include a tattoo parlour.

Tattoo artist Dionne Clarke has opened her first business, Addictive Passions, alongside the tearooms and jewellery-making units at Halfpenny Green Vineyards in Bobbington.

The 21-year-old, of St Peter's Road, Dudley, said she had been "obsessed" with tattoos since the age of 12.

Miss Clarke, a former pupil at Dudley's Castle High School and Dudley College, studied illustration at Southampton Solent University and has been tattooing for the past two years.

The Halfpenny Green Vineyards, in Tom Lane, includes tea rooms and a craft centre.

To see Miss Clarke's designs or to book an appointment, visit www.addictivepassions.co.uk or contact 01384 221772.

Money in Greenhouse means five new jobs

AN ENERGY company has announced a £70,000 investment in a new Black Country showroom, employing five new staff who will work on a projects and products designed to improve energy efficiency in the home.

ITS Limited has been operating for more than 25 years with a base in Lye and previously one in Hagley.

The firm, which employs around 60 people, specialises in the energy products for homeowners and businesses.

Some of the services the company offers include heating systems, solar panels and creating audits for energy use in the home.

Its new base will be near the Merry Hill shopping centre at the Enterprise Trading Estate, off Hurst Lane, Brierley Hill.

Director of operations, James Lambert, said the Black Country could be a significant location for green industries



John McNamara, James Lambert, Julie Reynolds and Richard Lambert at the firm's Greenhouse

in the future. He said people were more aware than ever of the need to save energy.

"Whether it is down to people trying to make savings on their energy bills, or realising there is diminishing resources in terms of fuel, people are talking about how much energy they use and how they could gain towards

their disposable income," he said. "We are really pleased with our new premises as we had outgrown our old office in Hagley and needed to be able to expand."

"There are more people coming to us to look at alternatives with fuel bills going up."

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The firm has come up with an innovative idea to showcase some of the services they have to offer.

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Key date as top pianists fight for prize

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They will be taking part in the annual Dudley International Piano competition which attracts applicants from prominent music colleges across the country.

The event has been running for around 40 years and organisers say this year the number applying for the competition has broken all previous records.

Just under 50 people put themselves forward to take part in this year's show with preliminary stages of the competition being held on Saturday, October 1.

Rehearse

Eight remaining competitors battled it out on the following day for a place in the final three.

Those chosen - one from the UK, one Chinese competitor and one who hails from Ukraine - will appear in the final of the competition which will be held on Sunday (October 16) at Dudley Concert Hall.

Each will have a chance to rehearse and then play a full piano concerto with the region's most renowned orchestra, the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

Competition spokesman Phil Dahl said: "The competitors at the weekend were of an amazing standard."

"We are all very much looking forward to the event on Sunday."

The finalists are Slava Sidorenko, aged 26, from the Ukraine; Cordelia Williams, 23, from Britain and Quaojung Dai, 21, from China.

Slava Sidorenko will play Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No 1 in 'B' Flat minor; Cordelia Williams will be playing Beethoven's 4th Piano Concerto in 'G' Minor and Quaojung Dai will play Chopin's 2nd Piano Concerto in 'F' Minor.

The audience will get the chance to choose their favourite.

A £300 prize will be awarded for the audience's choice while the main winner takes the first prize of £3,000 sponsored by Yamaha Pianos.

The competition began in 1968, evolving from piano classes held at the Dudley Festival of Music and Drama.

Range

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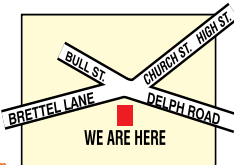
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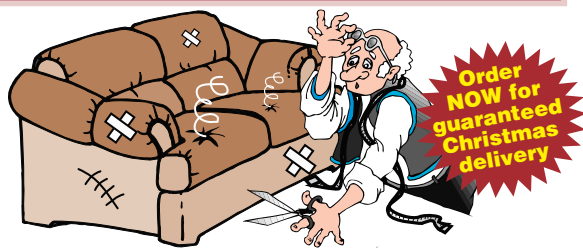
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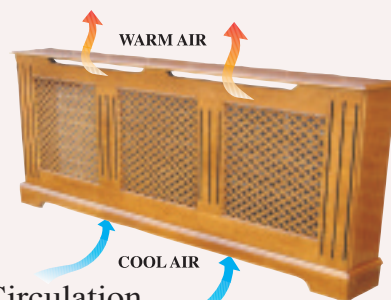


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Overdose death an accident

A YOUNG Stourbridge man who was starting to rebuild his life after drug addiction died from an accidental overdose, an inquest heard.

Jaime Wilkes, aged 26, of Envile Street, was taking a "cocktail" of prescription drugs, including methadone, which is used as a heroin replacement to help addicts to kick the habit. The Dudley inquest heard that the unemployed painter and decorator died at home on May 19. Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Pathologist Dr Swapna Ghosh, based at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, said Mr Wilkes was taking a cocktail of drugs and he died from an overdose.

Mr Wilkes's elder brother, Sean, of Albrighton Road, Halesowen, said: "He was starting to put things right, using the methadone."

Industrial disease verdict on worker

A VERDICT of death from industrial disease was recorded on a 76-year-old Stourbridge man who had worked with asbestos.

Thomas Peck, of Clent Road, was diagnosed with mesothelioma - cancer of the lining of the lungs - in 2009.

He died on October 22 the following year.

Pathologist Dr Swapna Ghosh, based at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, said that she found no sign of mesothelioma in a post mortem examination.

But Mr Peck did have an "aggressive" lung tumour and there were asbestos fibres. "I can't say with certainty whether the cancer was due to the asbestos but the chances of this being related to it are high," added Dr Ghosh.

Two days before his death Mr Peck, a non-smoker, had instructed a solicitor on a case over his diagnosis but died without signing his statement.

In the statement he said he had worked as a lorry driver delivering asbestos boards and had sometimes helped to cut the material - but had not been given a protective mask to wear.

Fundraiser is icing on the cake

BRAVE teenager Jasmine Page beamed with pride after friends and family, including her celebrity auntie, held a fundraising day in Halesowen.

TV personality Alison Hammond was master of ceremonies and head judge for a cake baking contest held at the Zion Christian Centre, in Little Cornbow.

Jasmine and her friends also performed a dance routine, while raffles and prizes helped bring in cash. The 13-year-old suffered a heart attack while at Windsor High School in January. But after a heart transplant at Birmingham Children's Hospital, she is now back at school full-time.

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Backing for parking plan near hospital

A RAFT of new parking restrictions drawn up to tackle parking problems in roads surrounding Russells Hall Hospital has been given the seal of approval by councillors.

Residents living near the Dudley hospital have long complained that visitors and staff are using their roads to avoid parking charges.

Verdict on mosque land may be early

THE future of land earmarked for a £6million mosque and community centre in Dudley could be decided earlier than expected, it has emerged.

Dudley Council is bidding to buy back the site from the Dudley Muslim Association through the High Court.

Judges are set to rule on whether to go-ahead with a planned trial next year.

Dudley Council first lodged its legal bid in December, citing a clause in the land contract as a reason.

Muslim leaders submitted their defence to the court.

But this was later challenged by the council.

Now judges will decide whether the DMA's defence has merit and if they do, the trial will go-ahead next year.

But if they agree with the council, the authority will be able to buy back the land.

Such an action would put plans for a new mosque in jeopardy.

The parking proposals went before members of the Central Dudley Area Committee which met on October 4.

They were recommended for approval by councillors there.

The scheme now goes forward to the cabinet member for transportation, Patrick Harley, for his approval.

The plans include restricted access to Pearce Close, Dereton Close, Elgar Crescent, and Abbotsford Drive.

They also feature waiting restrictions in Middlepark Road, Bushey Fields Road, The Oval and Ashenhurst Road.

Loading

A loading ban in High Street, Pensnett, is suggested on weekdays from 7.30-9.30am and 4.30-6.30pm.

In Tennyson Street, Milton Street, Steppingstone Street and Byron Street the suggestion is for no waiting at any time.

Plans for restricted access to the Kingswinford Service Road and Hilderic Crescent has also been earmarked for approval.

In addition to those measures, calls were made for the council to look at the possibility of introducing parking for residents only in certain streets.

Tony back in the ring



Tony Whittaker with the Joe Attwood memorabilia

A BUSINESSMAN from Brierley Hill is the mystery collector who snapped up legendary boxer Joe Attwood's gloves and medals – just days after forking out thousands to keep another fighter's Lonsdale Belt in the Black Country.

Tony Whittaker paid £1,600 for a large collection of personal memorabilia that belonged to Halesowen-born Joe.

The 60-year-old, who owns Pedmore Road Trading Estate in Brierley Hill, bid anonymously over the phone and has now revealed himself as the buyer. He spent £30,000 on "Gentleman Jack" Hood's belt two weeks ago.

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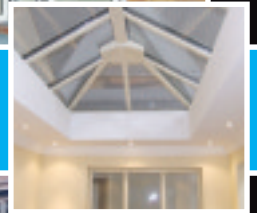
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COMPETITION

Yes you can have your cake and eat it

ORGANISERS of the Cake International and Crafts for Christmas shows have teamed up to offer 80 Chronicle readers a chance to win a pair of tickets for one of the events.

The largest sugarcraft and cake decoration event ever staged is due to take place at Birmingham's NEC from November 4-6.

And running at the same time, although starting a day earlier is Crafts for Christmas, Hobbycrafts and Art Materials Live which aims to put some fun and creativity back into your Christmas shopping.

Cake International will provide all the latest ideas, supplies, live competitions, demonstrations and workshops so you can create your own masterpiece.

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must-visit for any cake craft and decorating fan. Pop along to 'A Taste of Sugar', a hands-on workshops designed for sugarcrafting newcomers and juniors.

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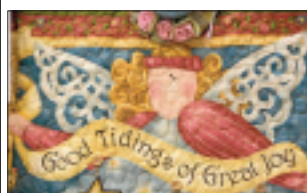
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Whether it's a nostalgic toy for the children or a necklace for someone special, Crafts for Christmas offers a huge selection of fine handmade crafts. Hobbycrafts, the UK's largest creative crafts show, will be bigger and better this year with more than 200 exhibitors. At Art Materials Live leading professional artists will be on hand to offer the very latest in art supplies, ideas and innovations.

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Julia with Elema Wario, 60, who is from Borana



A dry watering hole. The community, which dug it, hopes for rain

How your cash helps save life in the drought

By Sarah Hazelwood

A DUDLEY mum has travelled to Ethiopia to find out how money raised in the Black Country is helping those caught in the country's worst drought for 60 years.

Julia Hood, a volunteer at the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (Cafod), jetted off to East Africa, on September 19, to see how funds were aiding a community on the brink of survival.

Cafod is the Catholic agency supporting overseas development, working with more than 50 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America to fight poverty and injustice.

Deeper

This year parishes and schools across the Black Country have helped raise almost £15,000 for the East African appeal alongside £141,000 from the Birmingham Catholic Archdiocese of which Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton are all members.

After spending a week with Cafod and its partners visiting various communities overseas Julia, of Richborough Drive, who has worked for the agency for the past 13 years, said the money had so far helped produce larger and deeper water holes, mend a well which had been blocked for 21 years and aid in the clearance of land to encourage cattle grazing.

"To finally be able to see the work that takes place in East Africa and the difference our projects are having on the community was a real privilege," she said.

"I was extremely lucky to be able to see the ways donations from the Black Country help those living in such hardship.

"The money we collect is crucial to

helping communities get through this extremely difficult time. They haven't had any rain since last March so it was a real shock to see the effects first hand.

"I am constantly amazed at the generosity shown by people especially at a time where finances are a worry for everybody.

Message

"Although it is always difficult to hear these stories I have brought home with me a real message of hope - that even in difficult times there is still something we can do to improve the lives of so many disadvantaged and truly wonderful people overseas."

The 48-year-old, mother of two, has done a massive amount to help raise funds over the past decade, in between working as a volunteer reading assistant at St Joseph's school which is in

Dudley. Before the trip Julia embarked upon a sponsored walk with parishioners from St Mary of the Angles, in Walsall, in a charity stroll from Aldridge to Lichfield.

She will be returning to the church in the next few weeks to tell them about her trip and the ways in which their donations are being spent.

With fundraisers throughout the year Cafod's recent big fundraiser was the Harvest fast day appeal which took place last Friday.

A host of schools and parishes took part with special collections and fundraising efforts to help fund the group's projects.

Julia, who travelled more than 500km from the capital Addis Ababa to Yabello in the Borana region of South Ethiopia, said: "We are very lucky to have so many committed supporters as without them our work wouldn't be possible.

"The money raised has given the community hope that they can get through this and they are just praying now that rain will fall this month.

"Livestock numbers are dropping fast but the well, which serves more than 3,000 cattle each day, puts them one step closer to saving their livelihoods.

"Some women from neighbouring communities walk for up to eight hours to use the well which shows just how important our help is.

"I would love to go back again to see the changes our money and support is making and again pass on my stories and show the people of the Black Country the huge difference they are making."

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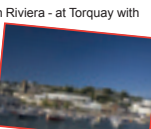
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**Included excursions:**

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Sentimental journey for Chalet Girl



Ed Westwick and Felicity Jones starring in *Chalet Girl*

AN ORDINARY girl is propelled into the world of the super-rich when she gets a job as a chalet maid at an Austrian ski resort in Phil Trill's enjoyable, if predictable, rom-com new DVD release, *Chalet Girl* (12).

Birmingham-born actress Felicity Jones shines in the role of Kim, a former skateboarding prodigy who is trying to cope with the death of her mother in a car accident while juggling a boring fast-food job with looking after her slovenly dad, a reliable comic turn by Bill Bailey.

When she gets the job abroad she finds herself in the world of folk who drink fine wines that cost the equivalent to her month's wage and take a helicopter to the slopes.

Tricky

Discovering a talent for snowboarding on her day off, she is coached by a Finnish snow dude and sets her sights on winning a big money snowboarding prize to solve her dad's financial problems.

Meanwhile, things get tricky when the heir of the rich family she works for (a debonair Ed Westwick, from cult TV show *Gossip Girl*) begins to take an interest in her, to the annoyance of his mother and fiancée.

Snappy dialogue, lovely snowy scenery and a great pop soundtrack featuring Eliza Doolittle and Paloma Faith, make this a pleasant way to spend 90 minutes.

Worth watching if you enjoyed *Angus Thongs and Perfect Snogging* and *Love Actually*. **LB**

Stars of stage and screen set to shine in classic tales

TWO critically-acclaimed plays that were among the hottest tickets in London earlier this year are coming to Birmingham next week.

Ubiquitous James Corden, best known for playing Smithy in Gavin & Stacey and for his Comic Relief sketch giving the England football team a pep talk, will star in **One Man, Two Guvnors** at the New Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, October 18 to 22.

The show marked Corden's return to the National Theatre, where he first found success as Timms in Alan Bennett's *The History Boys*, reprising the role on Broadway and in the film version.

One Man, Two Guvnors by Richard Bean and directed by Nicholas Hytner is based on 18th century Italian comic play *Servant of Two Masters* but the action has been moved to gangland Brighton in 1963.

Award

It was a big draw on London's South Bank in the summer, broadcast live in cinemas and is on a short UK tour before heading to London's West End.

Former Coronation Street and *Joking Apart* actress Tracie Bennett was nominated for a 2011 Laurence Olivier Award as best actress for her role as music legend Judy Garland in **End Of The Rainbow** at London's Trafalgar Studios, after it originated at Northampton's Royal Theatre. It is being staged at Birmingham Hippodrome from Monday to Saturday, October 17 to 22.

Miss Bennett's association with Garland started a decade ago, shortly after she played Sharon Gaskell in *Coronation Street*, when she won *Celebrity Stars in Their Eyes* as the child star turned flawed superstar. She is also an accomplished stage performer, having played the grotesque Madame Then-



James Corden in the comedy *One Man, Two Guvnors*

ardier in *Les Misérables* and *Velma Von Tulse in Hairspray*, both in the West End.

Peter Quilter's play with music is an on and behind stage look at Garland's final months in 1968 attempting a comeback with an exhausting programme of concerts at London's Talk of the Town. The Lancashire actress's transformation into Garland has won standing ovations at the hit revival.

When he is not appearing on TV with comedy partner Matt Lucas or swimming the length of the River Thames, David Walliams is a popular children's novelist and a musical version of his hit book *Mr Stink* will be brought to the stage in all its swiftness at Wolverhampton Grand from Wednesday to Sunday, October 19 to 23.

Billed as the first show that pongs, audience members will be given a scratch and sniff book to follow the story about a girl who hides a friendly tramp in a garden shed, under the nose of her mother. Opera can be heard at the Grand this

week when the Ukrainian National Opera of Kharkiv present Puccini's **Madama Butterfly** on Monday and Verdi's **La Traviata** on Tuesday. The final performances of South Staffs Musical Theatre Company's production of Broadway classic **Guys and Dolls** will be staged nightly at the Lichfield Street theatre with the final chance to catch it on Saturday.

Glittering

Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre hosts no fewer than four productions over the next week.

A rollercoaster ride through the dark side of Blackpool's glittering lights is promised in **About Face Theatre's Postcards from Blackpool** tonight (Thursday). About Face is one of just a handful of professional theatre companies to employ actors with learning difficulties.

The presence of a German war veteran at a British regimental celebration is a source of conflict in *Opus*



Tracie Bennett conjures the final days of Judy Garland in *End of the Rainbow*

Theatre's **Confessions of Honour** tomorrow evening (Friday), it was written by and features Rugeley actor Gerry Hinks and is set at Staffordshire's Whittington Barracks. Define presents **Henceforward**, a dark sci-fi farce from Alan Ayckbourn about a composer with a malfunctioning android housekeeper, on Saturday night, and a Shropshire town's key role in the revival of the Olympics is explored by masked theatre group **Vamos** in **Much Ado About Wenlock** on Tuesday evening and with matinees on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Penny Dreadful's **Etherdrome**, a macabre comic look at the early days of science as a 19th century American carnival sideshow, is at the Arena next Thursday (October 20).

ZooNation's twist on a classic movie cross-dressing comedy, **Some Like It Hip Hop**, ends its run at Birmingham Hippodrome on Saturday, the same day that feel-good comedy musical **Legally Blonde** ends its stint at the New Alex.

There's a chance to catch up with the new generation of actors when Birmingham School of Acting presents Oscar Wilde's **A Woman of No Importance** at the city's Crescent Theatre and Keith Waterhouse's **Billy Liar** in its studio, both until Saturday. Wilde's **The Importance of Being Earnest** is staged by Birmingham Rep at The Old Rep on Station Street until October 22.

Comedy highlights include Ricky Gervais and Karl Pilkington's Bristolian chum **Stephen Merchant** at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Monday and Tuesday, and he's back in the West Midlands to play Wolverhampton Civic Hall on November 5. Rising comedy star **Andrew Lawrence**, who had his own Radio 4 series, is at Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms tonight (Thursday). **Lee Nelson** should be Well Good at Wolverhampton Civic on Wednesday, October 19, which is the same night that **Justin Moorhouse** from Phoenix Nights is at Birmingham Town Hall.



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LULU - SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT
BBC2, 10.30pm

When Marie McDonald McLaughlin Lulu was in her teens, she knew she wanted to break into showbusiness. However, unlike many girls her age, she realised her dream within a few years. Diminutive in size but with a huge voice, she caught stage experience with The Beltones, and by 15 she cooed her first hit with a memorable cover of The Isley Brothers' 'Shout'. In 1995, Lulu, as she became known, was a star, and 46 years on she's still one of the most enduring performers in the business. This documentary charts the singer's brilliant career.

20.00 Breakfast 9.00 **Starchy Kitchen Live** 10.00 **Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking** (R) 12.00 **BBC News: Regional News** Weather 12.15 **Football Focus** 1.00 **Formula 1: The Korean Grand Prix - Qualifying** 2.15 **Racing from Ascot** 3.00 **Final Score** 4.00 **BBC News: Regional News** Weather 4.15 **Celebrity MasterChef**

9.25 Safety: Couple's Dilemma The remaining 13 couples compete in a Brookly-themed chase.

4.15 Merlin Arthur's birthday party comes to an abrupt end when he is targeted by an assassin, leaving Merlin in a dilemma - to put things right he would have to reveal the secret of his magic.

5.00 Chesham Charlotte Salt (The Tinkers) joins the cast as Sam Nichols, an ambitious Army medic on a commitment who begins by joining a paramedic crew for the day.

5.15 The Influence of Lottery **Smiley Night Drive**

9.00 BBC News: Weekend 9.25 **First of the Day** Including highlights of Liverpool v Manchester United National Lottery Update.

10.15 The Football League **Save the Highlights** of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

10.00 Weather 10.15 **BBC News**

9.00 CBeebies 9.00 **CBC** 9.00 **Flint: Top Hat** (1935) Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers musical. 9.15 **Racing from Ascot** 2.15 **Coast** (R) 2.45 **Escape to the Country** (R) 4.00 **The Great British Bake Off: Masterclass** (R) 9.00 **World Gymnastics Championships** The first day of apparatus finals from Tokyo.

9.00 ILLU: Six Days, Seven Nights (1998) Two helicopter outcrops on a desert island face a series of dangers as they struggle to survive. Romantic adventure, with Harrison Ford and Anne Heche.

20.15 Leg M From Burton in Derbyshire. (R)

4.15 Don't Ask Captain Mahanavir capt a recruitment campaign. Starring Arthur Lowe. (R)

4.25 A History of Australia **Battle** Neil Oliver explores the origins of Britain and its people, discovering how a golden age of bronze gave way to a period of conflict and economic crisis. (R)

5.15 The 100 With Nina Conti, Sam Lick and Bill Bailey. (R)

10.15 Lulu - Somewhere to Shout About Documentary charting the singer's career.

12.00 Flint: My Year Without Sex (2008) Premiere. Comedy drama, with Sacha Horler and Matt Day. 1.00 **Later with Jools Holland** (R) 2.15 **Flint: The Heroes** (1980) Chiller, starring Tilda Swinton. 9.00 **Clock** 10.15 **The Macc**

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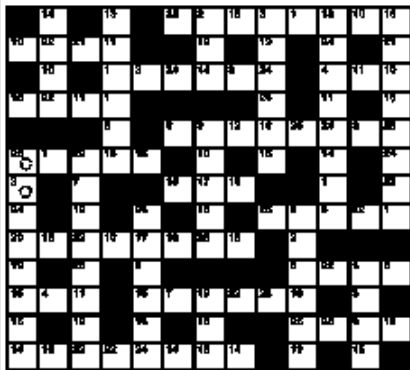
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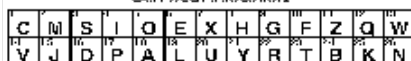
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Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. One from a dozen players (6)
8. Ships turn back these are waiting for the wind (6)
10. Prevented from making a full report (7)
11. It's a toss up at the Highland Games (5)
12. Willingly have a new life (4)
13. A rotten thing to find (5)
17. They burn faster (5)
18. Fertilised a doctor nothing (4)
22. It's about of your finances (5)
23. Shaken and remould the seats (7)
24. Pig can't fly, but one pig might (6)
25. It seems it will take a great time to get accepted in a place (6)

Down

1. All bent on making a game of it (3, 4)
2. Loose dentures for nothing (3, 4)
3. Rings the changes (5)
4. The place is in a mess - that's extraordinary! (7)
5. Sort of petze bird (5)
6. A very exciting business (5)
9. The fallowes stand here assembled (5)
14. Fancy world? (7)
15. Reelies support from a thin boy (5, 2)
16. Some horses are ranged to drop in the comb (7)
19. Carriages counters (5)
20. Push your way in and snatch up a note (5)
21. Occupation only given to subord makes (5)

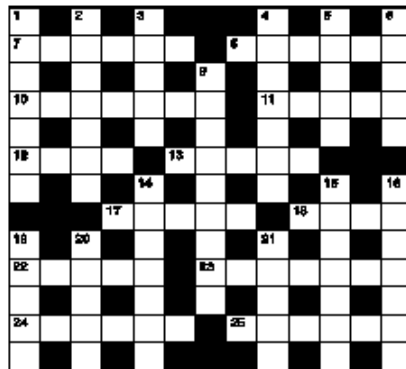
Quick Clues:

Across

7. Of a horse (6)
8. Trouble (6)
10. Offence (7)
11. Sham (5)
12. Only (4)
13. Search (5)
17. Conduct (5)
18. Go off (4)
22. Rags (5)
23. Novelty (7)
24. Offer (6)
25. Swine (5)

Down

1. Ask for (7)
2. Grief (7)
3. Tell tale (5)
4. Admit (7)
5. Whence (5)
6. Short (5)
9. Superluous (5)
14. Fall out (7)
15. Foul (7)
16. Gilt (7)
19. World (5)
20. Tarnish (5)
21. Cradly (5)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC: Across: 1. Horse, 4. Conduct, 8. Allowance, 9. Chain, 10. Sham, 11. Apology, 12. Only, 14. Lame, 16. Hurdle, 17. Fallow, 20. Novelty, 21. Offer, 22. Rags, 23. Novelty, 24. Offer, 25. Swine. Down: 1. Ask for, 2. Grief, 3. Tell tale, 4. Admit, 5. Whence, 6. Short, 9. Superluous, 14. Fall out, 15. Foul, 16. Gilt, 19. World, 20. Tarnish, 21. Cradly.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the five words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
The words were: Rally, the word was: Rally, the word was: Rally, the word was: Rally, the word was: Rally.

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Chairman floats in for a look at big regeneration

THE chairman of the country's best known housebuilder, the Barratt Group recently visited Waters Edge in Stourport on Severn – a major waterside regeneration project by the company's West Midlands division.

Bob Lawson, is in fact the second VIP to visit the scheme on Mart Lane recently, after Wyre Forrest MP Mark Garnier also gave it his seal of approval last month.

A total of 146 homes are currently under construction at Waters Edge and the project is helping to breathe new life into the town's canal basin.

Speak

The development also has 18 boat moorings which are available to purchasers of the new homes.

During his visit Mr Lawson was shown around the canal basins that have recently been restored, some of the brand new properties that have been constructed and he had the chance to speak to some residents at Waters Edge.

Mr Lawson, said, "Waters Edge represents the full panoply of Barratt's expertise. Outstanding historic buildings have been completely renovated and given a new life and new uses."

"Sympathetic new construction has been under-



Barratt Group chairman Bob Lawson and Adrian Farr Field, managing director for Barratt West Midlands, on a boat in Waters Edge canal basin, Stourport on Severn

taken to create new homes for individuals and families in an outstanding environment which blends the rich history with modern living requirements.

"I was very proud to see the result and I am confident that Waters Edge will give the residents and the people of Stourport much pleasure in the years ahead."

Graydon Worthing, Sales Director for Barratt West Midlands added, "It was a pleasure to have Mr Lawson visit Waters Edge. This

development is a flagship scheme for us, having been designed around the beautiful and historic basin.

"We have had a lot of interest from the local community and also from people outside the area keen to invest or make a new home in the popular town of Stourport."

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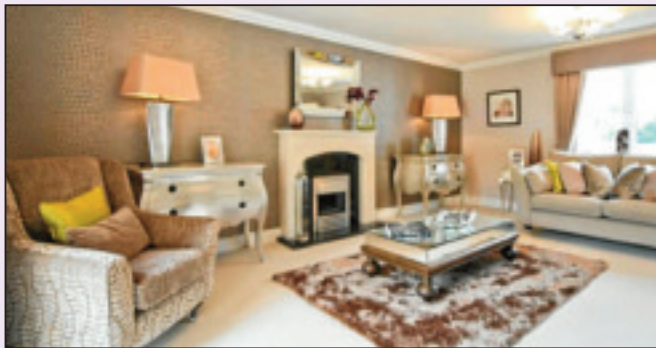
"First time buyers and people looking to downsize are particularly interested in this development."

Barratt West Midlands is

currently offering a selection of two-bedroom apartments at Waters Edge priced from £159,950 and three-bedroom houses priced from £170,000. For more information, please contact the sales office on 01299 828 130 open daily from 10am to 5pm.

Alternatively, please call the sales hotline on 0844 811 9933 open seven days a week from 8am to 9pm or log on to www.barratthomes.co.uk/waters-edge

Crystal clear that these new homes are stylish



A typical Charles Church interior. The company is building at Crystal Mead, in Stourbridge

STYLISH, opulent and welcoming are just three words being used to describe the stunning brand new homes found at luxury homebuilder Charles Church's Crystal Mead development in Stourbridge.

Househunters across Stourbridge and the surrounding area are be treated to a desirable portfolio of three and four bedroom traditional homes at Crystal Mead, which all boast impressive facades and inviting interiors.

Alison Reading, sales director for Charles Church South Midlands, comments: "Our homes at Crystal Mead really stand out from the rest, as they have been thoughtfully designed to cater for homeowners' requirements and more, whether that's somewhere with room for a study, a master bedroom with the luxury of an en suite or a home with a sizeable garden."

"In addition, the finish and attention to detail within our properties are exquisite, as the homes are built by the best craftsmen, offering construction excellence."

"So, I encourage purchasers to pay us a visit at Crystal Mead, which is located off Kirkpatrick Drive, where they can find out how they can become a part of our exclusive community."

Charles Church is renowned for building luxury homes built with precision, but despite this, the properties remain

an affordable option. Prices at the development start from £199,950 or from £159,960 through the Government-led FirstBuy scheme for the attractive three bedroom Farthing house type.

For those looking to move up the property ladder, the company's Part Exchange scheme is being considered for the four bedroom detached Millwood house type at Plot 160, which is available through Part Exchange Plus or a £10,000 discount. This traditional two storey spacious property comes complete with carpets throughout and turf to the gardens. The Millwood is priced at £249,950.

Tower

Charles Church's Crystal Mead development is situated on Kirkpatrick Drive, off Auckland Road, on the site of the former Wordsley hospital. Many of the old buildings have been retained and sympathetically restored, including the historic clock tower, ensuring the development has a real sense of history. The development boasts a traditional layout, with a beautiful area of open space for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Ideal for commuters, the M5 is within ease of reach of the development and Brierley Hill and Ambicote are close by. For information on the range of homes available at Crystal Mead, please call the marketing suite on 0844 490 1566 open daily from 11am until 5pm or visit the website at www.charleschurch.com



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A two bedroom end terrace property in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of: Lounge, Dining Room, fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom, and two bedrooms to the first floor. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, off road parking and rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO PETS:MAY CONSIDER CHILDREN:YES SMOKERS:NO

VALLEY ROAD LYE



£495PCM

A Spacious three bedroom mid terraced property with accommodation to comprise of: Lounge, inner lobby with cellarette, rear lobby, galley kitchen, bathroom and three bedrooms. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, double glazing and part walled garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

CHARNWOOD COURT PEDMORE



£425pcm

An extremely well presented two bedroom spacious ground floor apartment situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of: Communal entrance, private entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from central heating, communal clothes drying area, brick built store and communal parking. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO PETS:NO CHILDREN:YES SMOKERS:NO

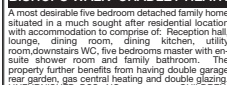
ALWIN ROAD ROWLEY REGIS



£395PCM

An extremely well presented one bedroom first floor apartment situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Inner hall, lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. The property further benefits from having electric heating and communal parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

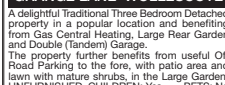
BISHOPS WALK CRADLEY HEATH



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A most desirable five bedroom detached family home situated in a much sought after residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Reception hall, lounge, dining room, dining kitchen, utility room downstairs WC, five bedrooms master with en-suite shower room and family bathroom. The property further benefits from having double garage rear garden, gas central heating and double glazing. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

GRANGE LANE WOLLESCOTE



£895PCM

A delightful Traditional Three Bedroom Detached property in a popular location and benefiting from Gas Central Heating, Large Rear Garden and Double (Tandem) Garage. The property further benefits from useful Off Road Parking to the fore, with patio area and lawn with mature shrubs, in the Large Garden. UNFURNISHED CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO DSS: No



DERRY CLOSE HARBOURNE

A Spacious three bedroom semi detached property with access to the University and Queen Elizabeth Hospital with accommodation to comprise of: Hallway, lounge/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom and separate WC. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, double glazing, garden, garage and off road parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£695PCM



HERONDALE ROAD WOLLASTON

A beautifully presented two bedroom detached bungalow situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of reception hall, fitted kitchen with dining area, sitting room, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and garage. The property also boasts a lovely rear garden and countryside view. Viewing highly recommended. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO CHILDREN:NO PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO

£850PCM



RASTRICK CLOSE BRIDGNORTH

A superb brand new three bedroom mid terrace property in this new and popular development with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, WC, three bedrooms, Ensuite and bathroom. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, garage, off road parking, fore garden and enclosed rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£650.00PCM

Awaiting Photograph

CHAPEL STREET PENSNETT

A Three bedroom detached property situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, WC and bathroom. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, double glazing and off road parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£595PCM



DEVON ROAD WOLLASTON

An extremely well presented three bedroom detached property situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Reception hall with understairs storage, lounge, dining room, kitchen and large garage. The property further benefits from central heating, double glazing and a garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£595PCM



DERWENT CLOSE PENSNETT

A good three bedroom semi detached property in need of some TLC with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from having partial double glazing, electric storage heating, detached garage, off road parking and enclosed rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: YES CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£595.00 PCM



MADISON AVENUE MERRY HILL BRIERLEY HILL

A Two Bedroom second floor apartment situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms - master with en-suite and bathroom. The property further benefits from double glazing and central heating. UNFURNISHED

DSS: NO CHILDREN: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£550PCM



ALBERT STREET LYE

A two bedroom period terrace property in popular residential location, to comprise, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, hallway, lobby and bathroom. The property also benefits from a rear garden. Currently being re-furnished. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO CHILDREN:YES PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO

£550PCM



HIGH STREET WORDSLEY

A well presented two bedroom semi detached property in the heart of Wordsley. Accommodation comprises of lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, enclosed rear garden and off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO CHILDREN:YES PETS: YES CHILDREN:YES SMOKERS:NO

£530.00 PCM



GEORGE ROAD HALESOWEN

A Well presented two bedroom Mid Terraced property situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, through lounge diner, fully fitted kitchen, two good sized bedrooms & bathroom. The property further benefits from having off road parking and an enclosed rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: MAY CONSIDER SMOKERS: NO

£525PCM



STOURBRIDGE ROAD HALESOWEN

A well presented two bedroom second floor Apartment situated close to Halesowen Town Centre with accommodation to comprise of: Communal entrance hall, private entrance door, lounge with airing and storage cupboard off, fitted kitchen, double bedroom with en-suite shower room and further bedroom. The property further benefits from double glazing and electric storage heating. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£500pcm



BEECHCROFT PEDMORE ROAD LYE

A three bedroom mid terrace property close to all amenities and has accommodation to comprise: lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor bathroom, cellar and three bedrooms. The property also has double glazing, central heating and a small rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO PETS:NO CHILDREN:YES SMOKERS:YES

£495PCM



COPPICE ROAD CRADLEY HEATH

A well presented Two bedroom house in a popular location. Accommodation comprises: Lounge with gas fire, Diner also with gas fire, Kitchen with both wall and base units and additional storage room. Bedroom Two has fitted wardrobes and Bathroom with shower. The property also benefits from double glazing and both front and rear gardens. UNFURNISHED CHILDREN: Yes PETS: No SMOKERS: No

£495PCM



THE MILLYARD WOLLASTON

Very well presented characteristic two bedroom apartment situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of: Porch, reception hall, sitting room, kitchen, utility room, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property also benefits from double glazing, communal gardens and allocated parking. PART FURNISHED DSS: NO PETS: MAY CONSIDER CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£450PCM



FOXDALE DRIVE BRIERLEY HILL

A very well presented One Bedroom House in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises Lounge with electric fire, Kitchen with both Oven and Hob, Bedroom with storage and Bathroom with a white suite and shower. UNFURNISHED DSS: No PETS: No CHILDREN: No SMOKERS: No

£425PCM



SCOTT STREET HEATHFIELD TIPTON

An extremely well presented two bedroom ground floor flat situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of hall, kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking. FURNISHED Furniture to include: BEDROOM: Double Bed and bedside cabinet. SMALL BEDROOM: Bed Settee. LOUNGE: Table & 4 Chairs, Chest of Drawers, TV Stand, Bookcase, Coffee Table and Curved Settee. KITCHEN: Washer, Cooker & Fridge Freezer. CHILDREN: Yes DSS: MAY PETS: No SMOKERS: No.

£425 PCM



HIGH STREET WORDSLEY

A well presented two bedroom terraced property situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of entrance, lounge, kitchen and bathroom and two bedrooms. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, allocated parking and a rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£425PCM



LOWER HIGH STREET STOURBRIDGE

An extremely well presented second floor apartment with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, open plan kitchen/lounge, double bedroom and en-suite shower room. The property further benefits from gas fire central heating and double glazing and allocated parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO CHILDREN: NO

£395 PCM



DOVE DRIVE AMBLECOTE

A well presented one bedroom ground floor apartment in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of: Lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower and double bedroom. The property further benefits from gas fire, electric panel heating and off road parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: No PETS: No Children: No Smokers: No

£375.00



FOXDALE DRIVE BRIERLEY HILL

A two bedroom ground floor apartment situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Private entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property also benefits from double glazing, communal gardens and allocated parking. PART FURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: MAY CONSIDER SMOKING: NO CHILDREN: YES

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NORTHGATE CRADLEY HEATH

An extremely well presented one bedroom first floor apartment, situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of: Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, allocated parking space with communal gardens. UNFURNISHED DSS: No PETS: No CHILDREN: No SMOKERS: No

£350PCM



NORTHGATE CRADLEY HEATH

An Unfurnished One Bedroom First floor Apartment with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. The property benefits from gas central heating double glazing and allocated parking. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO PETS:NO CHILDREN:NO SMOKERS:NO

3350pcm

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Greek with a Latin heart

THE Italian-American connection has brought to Britain, among other things, a popular restaurant chain, pizza and ice-cream in a seemingly endless variety of flavours.

Now the link between Chrysler and Fiat has brought us something new, which both automotive giants hope we'll find just as appealing to our palate.

Chrysler is hoping to reinvent itself in this country with no fewer than seven new models over the next five years, beginning with the Ypsilon and the larger Delta which went on sale this month.

While they carry the Chrysler badge and grille, both are powered by a range of proven, economical engines familiar from the popular Fiat 500 range, and Italian styling to give them a distinct, even head-turning, identity.

Both, in fact, have already enjoyed some success on the other side of the channel with a Lancia badge.

Chrysler has long had a relatively small but significant presence in this country with its legendary Jeep brand and the Voyager MPV, but has never managed to crack the all-important small family car and supermini markets.

Quite simply, it has had little to offer except for the likes of the very American Neon of a few years ago, which sold in small numbers.

Now the company has worked closely with its majority stakeholder, Fiat, to produce two far more relevant offerings, both hatchbacks with the accent on interior space with modern, economical engines including the Fiat 500's Twin Air, voted International Engine of the Year.

The small of the two (a Fiesta/Corsa rival) is the Ypsilon (pronounced Epsilon as in the Greek letter E), a compact but curvy hatch with prices from £10,695.

Magic

Engine choices are the latest version of the familiar 1.2-litre 'Fire' petrol, the 1.3 diesel multijet and the 900cc Twin Air.

The diesel averages over 74mpg, the Twin Air over 67mpg, and both have CO2 emissions figures below the magic 100g/km mark, so are exempt from road tax.

The 1.2 engine, the cheapest in the line-up, has figures of 57.6mpg and 115g/km. All models have an automatic 'stop/start' system to save fuel in traffic.

I drove the Twin Air, although the first thing which struck me wasn't the engine but the surprising amount of interior space hiding within this compact interior.

Headroom and rear-seat passenger space are particularly generous, even for taller occupants.

And it has a class average 245 litres of boot space with five people on board.

Thanks to 'hidden' rear door handles, the Ypsilon has a sleek, sporting look while

maintaining all the practicality of a four door, which passengers will appreciate.

The interior has a quality feel, too, with comfortable seats and high-grade materials.

The instruments are tidily placed in a central binnacle atop the dash, above the air conditioning and audio controls.

Chrysler has paid special attention to sound reduction, adding to the

It's no surprise it was voted International Engine of the Year, especially with the bonus of a Ferrari-like growl if you test that sprint time for yourself.

Do that, though, and you very rapidly hit the rev limiter and lose the fuel economy benefits.

The Ypsilon feels solid for a small car, with well weighted steering and confidence-inspiring handling.

Like Fiats, it has a 'city' button which makes the steering lighter for easier handling around town and when parking.

The basic model comes with anti-lock brakes, air conditioning, and a



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Over those 11 months, nearly 2,000 new members have been signing up every week.

Membership of the Vauxhall MasterFit Service Club is free and it entitles owners to discounts on parts, labour and MOT tests.

Vehicles between two and three years old receive a 15 per cent discount; those four to seven years old qualify for a 20 per cent discount; additionally, those eight years and older can benefit from the maximum discount of 25 per cent.

Competitive

This comes in addition to Vauxhall MasterFit's highly competitive offerings, which include the Price Match Promise, guaranteeing that each MasterFit retailer will meet or beat the quote of any local competitor within a five mile radius on a written quote for like-for-like work.

Vauxhall service manager, Belinda Craik, said: "The discounts available through the Vauxhall MasterFit Service Club make the already competitive prices offered by Vauxhall service outlets truly outstanding value, which is why it has been such a success with our customers."

"The Vauxhall MasterFit Service Club membership discounts combined with the existing MasterFit Promise ensure that Vauxhall customers continue to enjoy one of the very best service and repair offerings on the market."



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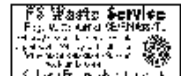
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Sport

Jamie on the Ball with stoppage win

JAMIE BALL saw his year get even better after a third straight stoppage win at the top of the bill at Walsall Town Hall.

A week after winning the area council's Best Young Boxer award for 2011, the Midlands light middleweight champion from Cosely saw off Latvian Raimonds Sniedze in five rounds on Saturday night.

Their bout had been elevated to main event status after Tipton's Lee

Glover was cut in sparring, ruling him out of his International Masters featherweight title defence against Dai Davies.

British cruiserweight champion Rob Norton was meant to be chief support but that was before his October 21 defence against Leon Williams came up, so it was Ball's time to again take the lead role.

Ball, the "Black Country Bully", took some time to get to grips with

the game and gangly Sniedze, just 19, until an injury gave him the chance to go up the gears.

In truth, Ball had already started to land, with one right-handed lunge clocking Sniedze hard enough to send him flying across the ring in the fourth round.

By the end, the Latvian was not far off boxing one handed after breaking his left hand when he connected as Ball came in.

In the fifth, the pain was too much for Sniedze and referee Shaun Messer pulled him out.

On the undercard, Dudley's Zak the Ripper – real name Saqib Amir – lost a points verdict at super-featherweight against tough Norfolk-born Londoner Dan Naylor. Stourbridge's Steven Pearce made his professional debut at light-welterweight and overcame Londoner Bheki Moyo.

LATE LIAM TRY BRINGS BONUS

Ealing Trailfinders 29 Stourbridge 22

LIAM WORDLEY'S late try and an inch-perfect Mark Woodrow conversion secured Saxons a well-deserved losing bonus point at league leaders Ealing Trailfinders.

Few would have given Neil Mitchell's side a chance as they headed to the league leaders with one win to their name and plagued by a lengthy injury list.

Mitchell sets out to destroy Saxons' rivals

STOURBRIDGE Saxons Director of Rugby Neil Mitchell has said he will put his friendship with Jersey's head coach Ben Harvey to one side and is ordering his team to go out and "destroy" the Channel Islanders at Stourton Park on Saturday.

Mitchell, who played alongside Harvey for three seasons at Stourbridge and briefly at Moseley, is determined to get his side back to winning ways after an encouraging 29-22 loss to league leaders Ealing Trailfinders on Saturday.



Neil Mitchell

Perry is the hero for GB

Great Britain U21 46 USA Tourists 44

DUDLEY'S young gun Tom Perry inspired a GB side featuring no fewer than four Heathens to a narrow win over the Americans at Monmore Green on Tuesday night.

Perry grabbed a dozen points but the USA, with Workington's Kenny Ingalls untouchable, might well have snatched a draw in a dramatic final race.

Sixteen-year-old Austin Novrati fell when third which would have been enough for a share of the spoils.

GB: Tom Perry 12, James Sarjeant 10+2, Ashley Morris 8+1, Jaimie Pickard 5+1, Richard Franklin 5, Darryl Ritchings 4, Brendan Johnson 2.

USA: Kenny Ingalls 15, Austin Novrati 10, Mikey Buman 5+1, Eddie Castro 5, Russell Green 4+1, Michael Raines 3+1, Rocco Scopellite 2+1

But against all odds, and in the teeth of a strong start from the home side, it was Stourbridge who struck first when winger Tomasi Tunani dived over in the corner to secure a 5-0 lead.

It did not take long for the home side to hit their stride, scoring two tries in quick succession.

Second row Simon Gaynor crashed over before Phil Chesters exploited space down the left to race through and score, with Nick Hallatt slotting over the resulting conversions.

But despite Ealing's dominance they could not get clear and allowed Saxons back in with a Woodrow penalty.

And it could have been even more for the visitors had scrum-half Peter White not been stopped just short of the line.

After the break, Trailfinders began to stack up the points, scoring another two tries in a matter of a few minutes.

Extras

Morgan Thompson was first to slip through the defence before Peter Hodgkinson shrugged off a few challenges to score.

Hallett added the extras to give Ealing a commanding 26-8 advantage but once again the visitors were determined to hang on.

And less than 10 minutes later, hooker Jordan Page forced his way over with Woodrow converting to further reduce their arrears.

It looked as though the Saxons would be leaving West London empty-handed when a superb long-range penalty from Hallett put Ealing just four minutes away from victory at 29-15.

But with a losing bonus point still up for grabs, Saxons pushed and pushed and in the final move of the match, replacement Wordley crashed over the whitewash and Woodrow slotted over the conversion.

"I think if you have got a platform you can build from that and that is the thing which has been missing, so for me it is a selection nightmare."

"Do I want to make six or seven changes again? I don't think so. But at the same token I think everyone will be training. Every squad member knows that every place is up for grabs."

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Keeper excels, but Lye lose out in derby clash



Lye keeper Tommy Harper punches clear under pressure from Matt Martin

LYE suffered a three-goal defeat against West Midlands Regional League Premier rivals Gornal despite the fine form of keeper Tommy Harper.

It did not take long for Gornal to break through as a Lee Wherton free-kick from the right found Matt Martin, who managed to sneak half a yard on his marker and flick his header in off the far post.

Taking the lead settled Gornal and it was the home side that dominated the first half.

On 16 minutes Jake Morgan was put clear and rounded the keeper only to be denied by the covering Andrew Owen and denied a goal.

Seven minutes later Tim Nicholls side-footed wide for Lye from the edge of the area after excellent work down the right by Chris Poyntz.

But Gornal doubled their lead on 34 minutes when Wherton started a fine passing move by setting free Kristian Green. His ball to Marvin Nisbett saw the pacy forward jink into the box and find Wherton at the far post to nod home his first league goal of the season.

Gornal Athletic 3 Lye Town 0

The game could have been put beyond reach just 60 seconds later when Nisbett and Martin linked up well only for the latter to have his shot well saved by Harper.

Lye started the second half well and it took an excellent save from James Pemberton to deny Poyntz as he drove into the area from the right.

Gornal's Jake Morgan almost grabbed the goal his workrate deserved on 53 minutes when his overhead kick flew narrowly over the bar.

Lye's Matt Webb struck a shot with the outside of the foot wide of Pemberton's goal on 63 minutes before two minutes later a good pass by Gornal substitute Mike Perks set up Green who shot too high.

Matt Weyman grabbed his third goal in four games with a low shot into the far corner on the angle with two minutes remaining.

In stoppage time Harper again proved to be Lye's saviour as another one-on-one with Nisbett saw the keeper come out on top.

Stourbridge battle, but fail to get the Nod

Boys league Mount Nod 2 Stourbridge 0

STOURBRIDGE U12A had the better of the first half, playing a high line and crafting a couple of useful chances.

But a more even second period saw more determination from Mount Nod who netted twice in the final 15 minutes.

Bustleholme 2 Stourbridge 1

Two late goals condemned the U12B side to defeat after Liam Hands had scored a fine goal in the first three minutes.

Hands and Jack Davis both went close and in the second half James Green was off-target after going one on one with the keeper before Bustleholme's late surge.

Stourbridge 3 Bolehall 1

Goals from Jonny Hooper, Alex Lowe and Marcus Hall took Stourbridge U13A to victory over a spirited Bolehall side.

Hooper converted a cross to open the scoring and a through ball from Dan Doyle put Lowe in for a well-taken second.

Bolehall hit back with a second-half penalty but with 15 minutes left Ben Rhodes intercepted a pass and put Hall away to slide the ball into the corner.

PS Boys 2 Stourbridge 4

The U13B team came back to win from a goal down. A wind-assisted free kick put the home side ahead but straight from the kick-off Mel Jose won a corner which was headed in by Rhys Webb.

In the second half Stourbridge, with the wind at their backs, went 4-1 up.

Wesley Lewis converted Tyler Andrews' through ball; Alfie Bloomer ran clear to finish well and then added a fourth from a cutback by Jacob Wedderburn. PS Boys pulled one back from a free-kick.

Archdales 1 Stourbridge 0

The U14 side paid the penalty for a slow start, conceding early on as Archdales dominated the first 20 minutes.

But the visitors improved and threatened repeatedly in the second half after Liam Smart switched to the right wing. Stour went close through Jordan Siviter and Lucas Muckley but Archdales held on.

St Patricks 1 Stourbridge 0

The proverbial game of two halves saw the U15A fall behind in the first period at St Patricks of Leicester.

The goal appeared to spark the visitors into life but despite long period of domination they could not convert any of their numerous chances.

Stourbridge 0 Halesowen Community Rangers 1

The U15B team fought well against good opposition and the match was goalless at half-time. Poor defending cost a soft goal but Stour fought back well although they were indebted to keeper Kyle Glaze for two excellent saves.

Stour go down to defeat

Bashley 1 Stourbridge 0

A 25-YARD rocket from Liam Green after 16 minutes turned out to be the only goal of an eventful match in the New Forest.

The visitors were quickly on the offensive as they kicked down the slope, but a series of corners came to nothing before Bashley struck a decisive blow from their first genuine attack.

A ball over the top from Stefan Penny was collected by James Stokoe on the left and he cut it back to Green who cracked a superb first-time strike into the top corner.

The Glassboys were then forced into a reshuffle as the injured Paul McConne was replaced by Ben Billingham with Aaron Drake dropping to right-back.

But Stourbridge responded and on 21 minutes Billingham threatened the ball through to Ryan Rowe on the left-hand side of the box whose drive was deflected over the bar.

Matter

Leon Broadhurst twice went close in a matter of minutes with a header drifting over the bar from a Sean Geddes corner and was also thwarted when his close-range shot was kept out by a fine save from David Elm.

Bashley made a change for the start of the second period with sub keeper Joe Prodromo taking over from the injured Elm.

Stourbridge had another chance to draw level on 52 minutes but Billingham clipped his shot wide.

Six minutes later Aaron Griffiths landed awkwardly to sustain a serious ankle injury and he had to be stretched off.

Prodromo then saw red for bringing down Rowe outside the area.

Defender Paul Gazzard donned the keeper's jersey and saved well from Geddes.

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